GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4426
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Delay in Operation of Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of recent delay in operation of trains including premium trains like Shatabdi despite clear weather;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating any action plan to improve the running of trains on time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4426 BY SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2017 REGARDING DELAY IN OPERATION OF TRAINS.

(a) to (d) Punctuality performance of Mail/Express train including premium trains like Shatabdi Exp. on right time terminating basis during last 2 months is as under:

Punctuality performance (% age)
Type of trains February 2017 March 2017
Mail/Express 71.56 76.92
Durunto 67.77 75.17
Rajdhani 54.65 77.53
Shatabdi 79.07 91.72
Jan Shatabdi 81.09 85.95
Garibrath 63.11 65.51

The trains lose punctuality on Indian Railways due to the factors related to its internal working as well as external factors of which Railways are not in control. Other than asset failures, various constraints/difficulties which adversely affect punctuality are numerous such as − line capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates across the Indian Railways network, multi faceted Law & order problems, miscreant activities such as theft of Railway assets, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans etc.

Indian Railways has initiated various measures to improve punctuality such as prioritization of preventive maintenance of assets to minimize asset failures, capacity enhancement projects by construction of additional loop lines at stations, doubling, construction of third line corridors, automatic signaling, construction of low height subway to replace level crossings, Rail under Bridges and Rail Over Bridges, etc. In addition, zonal Railways have also been advised to have better co-ordination with Civil and Police authorities of States to deal with situations arising out of law and order problems.

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